

Drools Syntax Diagrams

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Preface

This is a comprehensive set of syntax diagrams for Drools 5.1. They were produced from an EBNF representation of the grammar using Peter Thiemann's program Ebnf2ps, available from <http://www.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/~thiemann/haskell/ebnf2ps/>.

Some language constructs were omitted because they are deprecated or just alternative forms, which may become deprecated as well.

The diagrams follow the usual conventions. Starting point is the first diagram, *CompilationUnit*. Each diagram has an entry point and an end point. You can follow possible paths between these two points by following the arrows through the boxes. A nonterminal, for which there is another diagram, is represented by a square box with yellow background while a terminal is represented by a round box and green background.

There are no diagrams for several nonterminals; these follow the syntax as defined by the Java Language Specification:

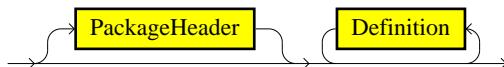
- *StringLiteral*
- *Identifier*
- *Statement*
- *Expression*

The DRL Parser Diagrams

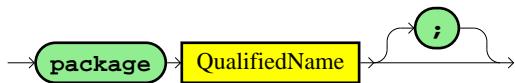
The diagrams in this section describe the syntactic units of the DRL parser, which operates on tokens assembled by the lexer.

Compilation Unit

CompilationUnit

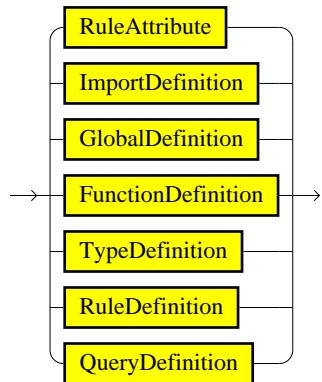


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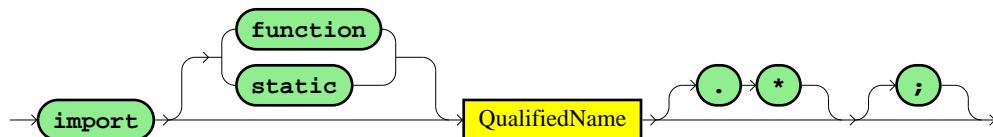
```
package com.acme.order;
```

Definition



Import and Global

ImportDefinition

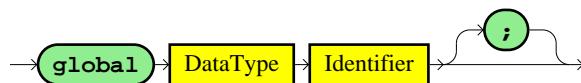


```

import com.acme.order.Position;
import com.acme.order.*;
import function com.acme.util.calculate;
import static java.lang.Math.PI;

```

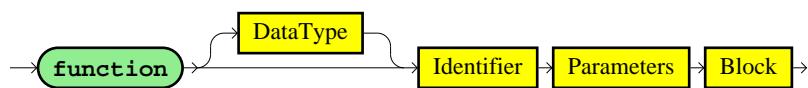
GlobalDefinition



```
global Map ident2product;
```

Function Definition

FunctionDefinition



```

function sayHello(){
    System.out.println( "Hello!" );
}

```

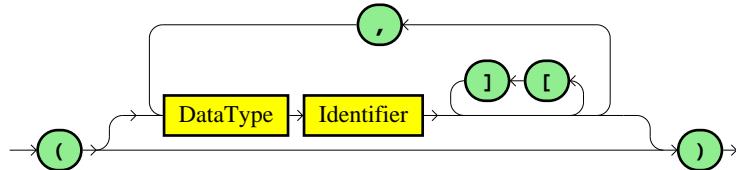
```

}

function int sqr( int a ){
    return a*a;
}

```

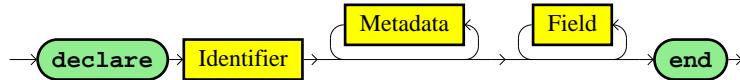
Parameters



```
function f( int i, String[] strings ){ /* ... */ }
```

Type Definition

TypeDefinition

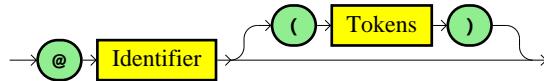


```

declare Message
  from : Address;
  text : String;
  state : MsgState;
end

```

Metadata

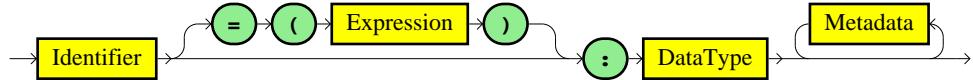


```

@author( John Doe )
@validated

```

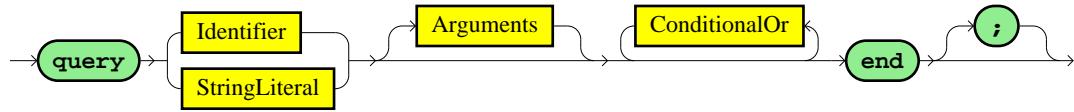
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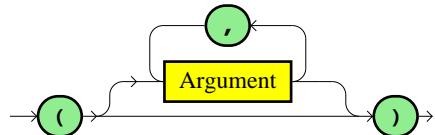
```
name : String
state = ( State.INITIAL ) : State @modifyBy( "rules" )
```

Query Definition

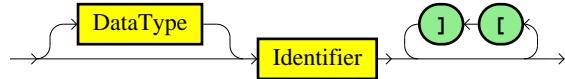
QueryDefinition



Arguments



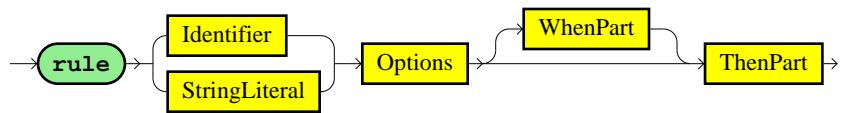
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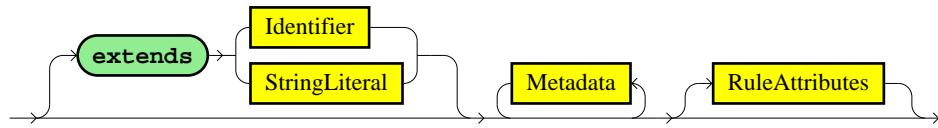
```
query 'any Item'
  $item : Item
end
query 'Triangles with side a' ( Integer pa )
  $t : Triangle( a == pa )
end
```

Rule Definition

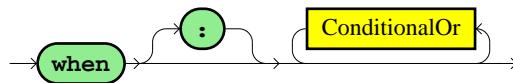
RuleDefinition



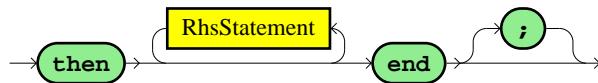
Options



WhenPart



ThenPart

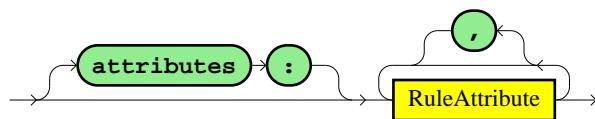


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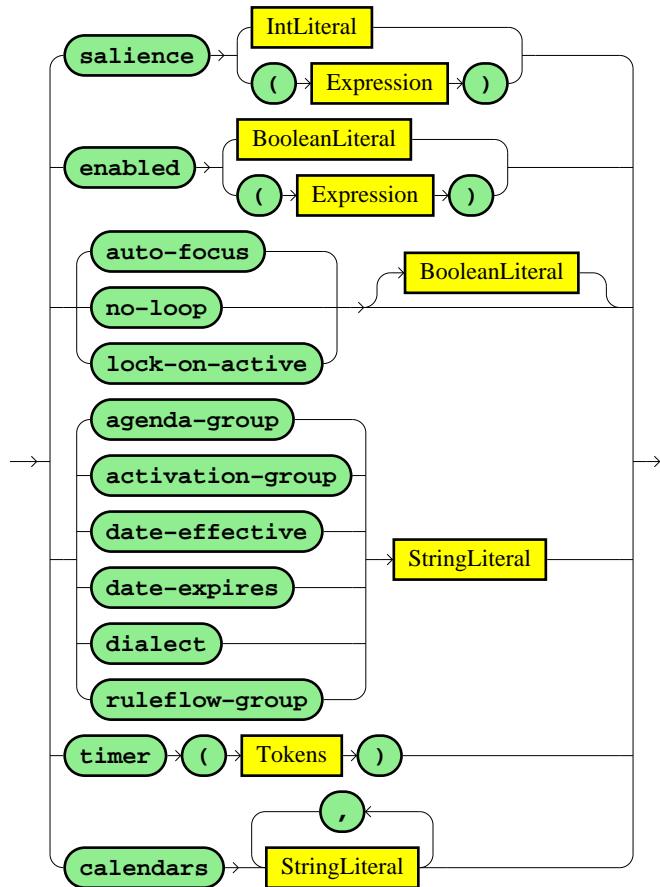
rule "concatenate paths"
when
    Path( $start1 : start, $goal1 : goal )
    Path( start == $goal1, $goal2 : goal )
then
    insert( new Path( $start1, $goal2 ) );
end
  
```

Rule Attributes

RuleAttributes



RuleAttribute

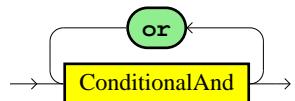


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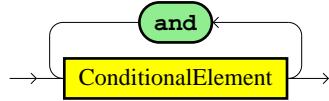
rule "assign Handler to Task"
  agenda_group( "assignHandler" )
  salience ( $prio )
when
  $t : Task( $prio : priority, $skill : skill, handler == null )
  $h : Handler( skills contains $skill, available == true )
then
  modify( $t ){ setHandler( $h ) }
  modify( $h ){ setAvailable( false ) }
end
  
```

Conditional Elements

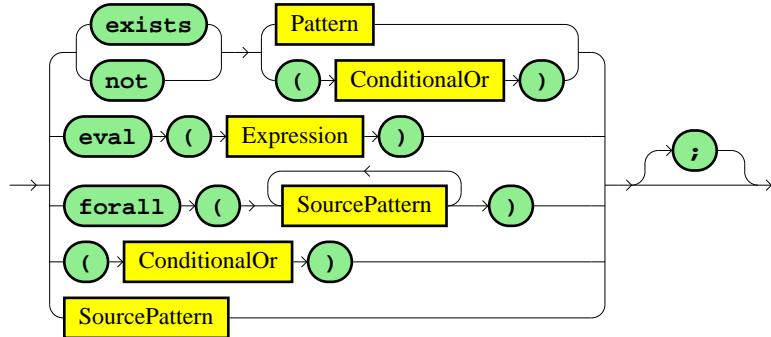
ConditionalOr



ConditionalAnd



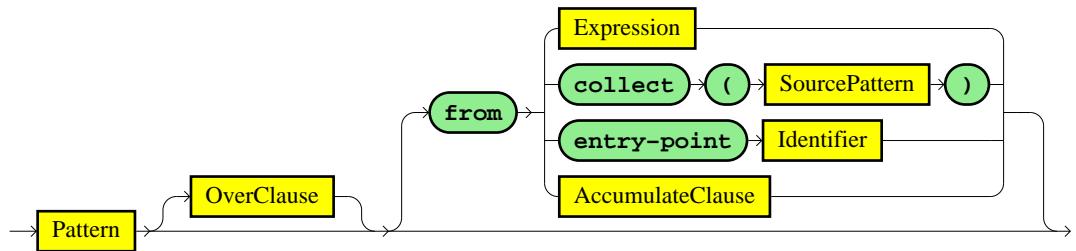
ConditionalElement



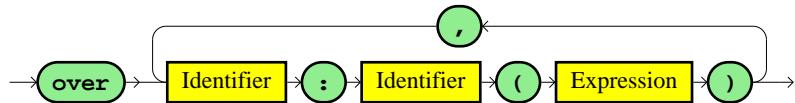
```

rule "CE demo"
when
    exists Fact( id == 1 )
    not ( Other( key == "foo" ) or Other( key == "bar" ) )
    Fact( id == 42, $data : data )
    eval( $data.size() > 10 )
then
    System.out.println( "Match!" );
end
  
```

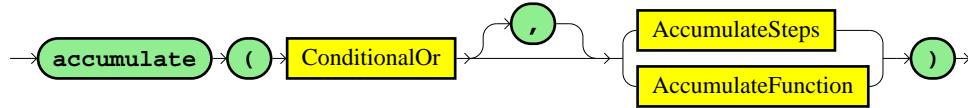
SourcePattern



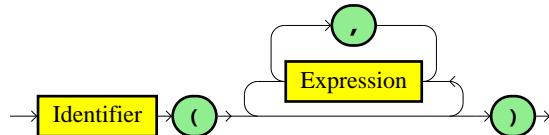
OverClause



AccumulateClause



AccumulateFunction

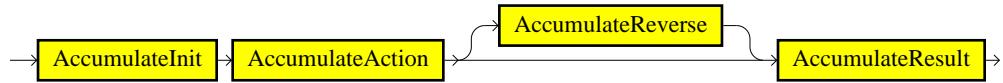


Predifined accumulate functions are `sum`, `average` (or `avg`), `minimum` (or `min`), `maximum` (or `max`), `count`, `collectSet`, and `collectList`.

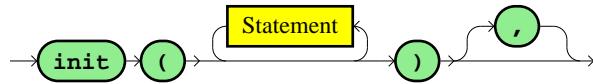
```

rule "Check item count"
when
    $batch : Batch( $id : id )
    $total : Number( intValue > 100 )
        from accumulate( Item( batch == $batch ), count() )
then
    System.out.println( "too many Items in Batch " + $id );
end
  
```

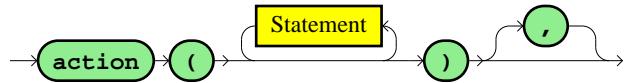
AccumulateSteps



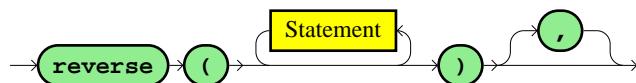
AccumulateInit



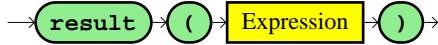
AccumulateAction



AccumulateReverse



AccumulateResult



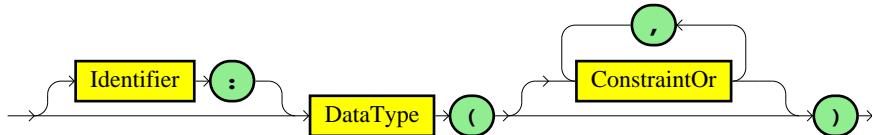
```

rule "print sorted Element names"
when
    $set: Set() from accumulate (
        Element( $name: name ),
        init( Set<String> nameSet =
            new TreeSet<String>( Collator.getInstance() ) );
        action( nameSet.add( $name ) );
        reverse( nameSet.remove( $name ) );
        result( nameSet ) )
    then
        System.out.println( "Names: " + $set.toString() );
    end

```

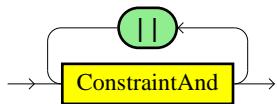
Pattern, Constraint and Restrictions

Pattern

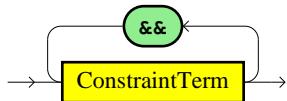


```
$emp : Employee( trainings contains "Java" )
```

ConstraintOr

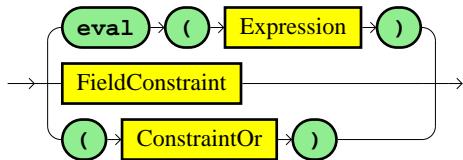


ConstraintAnd



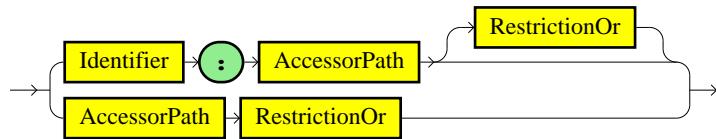
```
Resort( rate <= 100 || seaside == true && rate <= 110 )
```

ConstraintTerm



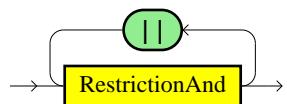
```
eval( $p1.getX() == $p2.getX() || $p2.getY() == $p2.getY() )
```

FieldConstraint

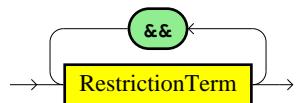


```
Wine( grape == "Merlot", $maker : maker )
```

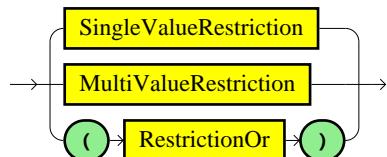
RestrictionOr



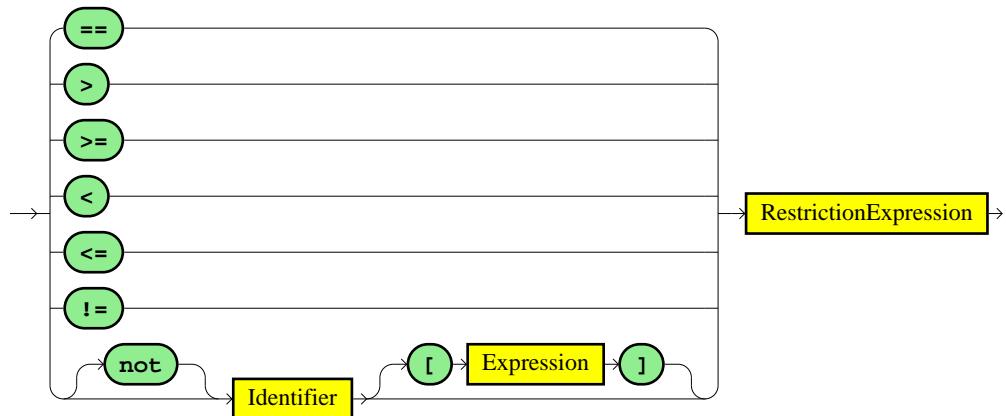
RestrictionAnd



RestrictionTerm



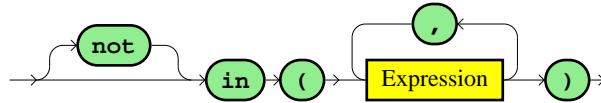
SingleValueRestriction



Predefined operators are: `contains`, `excludes`, `memberOf`, `matches`, `soundslike`, and the

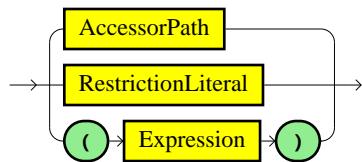
```
Medication( dose <= 100 || >= 200 )
```

MultiValueRestriction



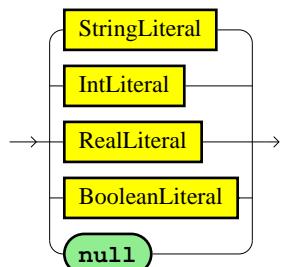
```
Duck( name in ( "Huey", "Dewey", "Louie" ) )
```

RestrictionExpression



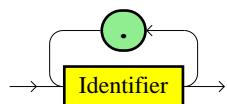
```
$t1 : Triangle()
$t2 : Triangle( this != $t1, a == $t1.a, b < 10, c < (2*a + b) )
```

RestrictionLiteral

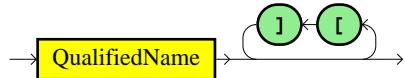


Miscellaneous

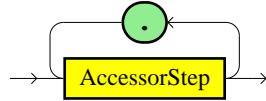
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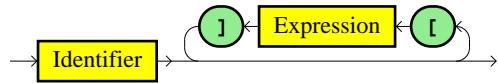
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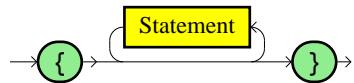
AccessorPath



AccessorStep



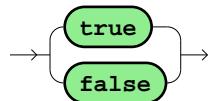
Block



BracketedExpression

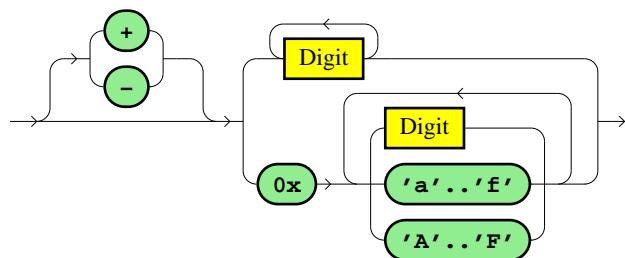


BooleanLiteral

**The DRL Lexer Diagrams**

The diagrams in this section describe the syntactic units of the lexer, which assembles its non-terminals from individual characters. This means that its terminals may not be separated by any white space (space, tab, newline,...) from each other.

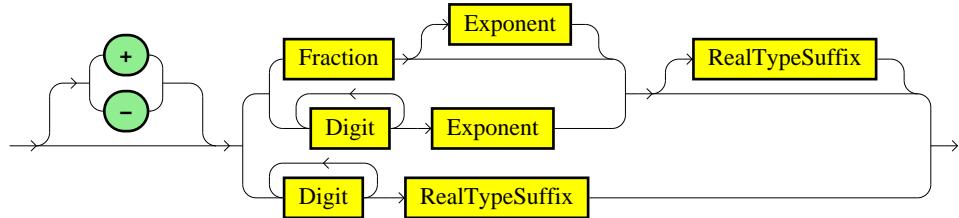
IntLiteral



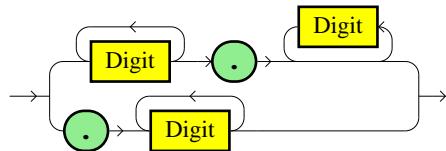
Digit



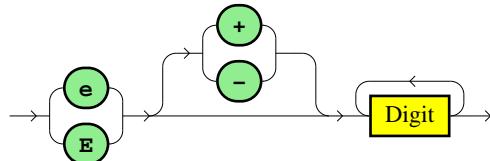
RealLiteral



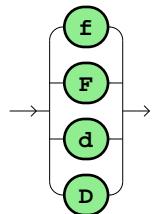
Fraction



Exponent



RealTypeSuffix

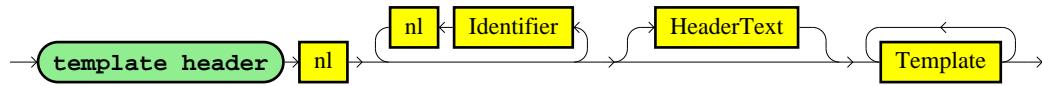


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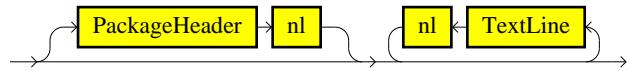
Template Files

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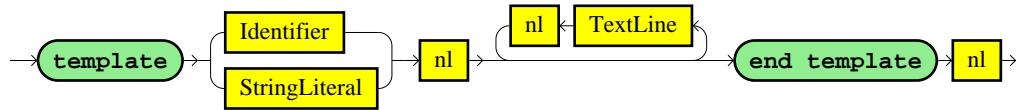
TemplateFile



HeaderText



Template



```

template header
type
test

template match
rule "match @{row.rowNumber}"
when
  f: @{type}(@{test})
then
  System.out.println( "Match for " + f.toString() );
end
end template
  
```

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